



Awards and Recognition

(As of January 2020)

2019 Awards

- **Outstanding Project in the Field of Aging Award** - In December, Council on Aging was honored to receive this award from the Tristate chapter of the Association for Professionals in Aging (APA). COA was recognized for an innovative research project that is helping local businesses understand the impact of elder caregiving on their workforce while helping our region prepare for demographic changes that will require more family members to become caregivers.

The Caring Employee Initiative – or Care Census – was based on data collected from employees in our region to help COA and employers understand the commitments employees have as caregivers and the impact on their workday.

- **Ignite Action Award (Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber)** - Council on Aging (COA) was a finalist for the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber's Ignite Action awards in the category of *Leading with a Bold Voice for Business*. COA was recognized for an innovative research project that is helping local businesses understand the impact of elder caregiving on their workforce while helping our region prepare for demographic changes that will require more family members to become caregivers.

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2018 Awards

- **AAA Staff Member of the Year - Sharon Fusco** – In December, COA's Sharon Fusco, VP of Innovation and New Business Operations, was honored as the Ohio Association of Area Agency on Aging's (o4a) AAA Staff Member of the Year!

Each year, o4a recognizes an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) staff member for a significant contribution to Ohio's Aging Network. Sharon was selected for the award by o4a's Executive Committee. The award - which is kept secret - was presented November 2018 at o4a's 29th Annual Conference on Aging and Disability Resource Networks.

- **COA Staff Member Honored** – In April, Council on Aging's Vice President – Business Services Group, Sharon Fusco, was named to comSpark's Power 500 list. The list, published in Lead Magazine, celebrates the leading IT executives and influencers of public, private and non-profit organizations in Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky for 2018. The Power 500 focuses on acknowledging the great impact these individuals have on the community.

In her role at COA, Sharon leads the organization's accounting, finance, quality and business intelligence, information technology, and projects departments. She is the agency's Security Officer and also leads new business development initiatives.

2017 Awards

- **Inspire | Healthcare 2017 Quality Improvement Award Winner, The Health Collaborative** – Council on Aging's innovative program for helping hospitalized seniors connect with essential in-home services received The Health Collaborative's Richard M. Smith MD Leadership in Quality Improvement Award. The award was presented to Council on Aging's Fast Track Home program at the organization's annual Inspire|Healthcare Awards Ceremony on November 1. The award recognizes an individual or team who exemplifies commitment to quality improvement, makes it an organizational priority, and serves as a role model for those working to enhance the quality of care within their organization and throughout the community.
- **Venue Magazine and Lead Magazine C-Suite Award** – Council on Aging's Vice President of Human Resources, Training and Organizational Development Jacqueline Hutsell, M.Ed., PHR, HCS, was selected as a C-Suite Award honoree for 2017. The award is presented by *Venue Magazine* and *Lead Magazine* to honor our region's leading chief executive officers; chief operating, information, marketing, and financial officers; board level leaders; and other C-level executives. Individuals are selected based on their invaluable contributions to their organization and the region as well as their personal leadership characteristics.

2016 Awards

- **Inspire Healthcare Awards** – Council on Aging's Care Transitions team was a finalist for the Health Collaborative's Inspire Healthcare Award in the Leadership and Quality Improvement category. The awards recognize individuals, teams and organizations working to improve health and healthcare in the community.
- **Aetna Better Health of Ohio** – Council on Aging received a \$25,000 grant from Aetna Better Health of Ohio, Inc. to help develop initiatives aimed at strengthening the connection between health and long-term care.

2015 Awards

- **Comprehensive Healthcare Leadership Award** – Suzanne Burke, Chief Executive Officer, received the award honoring our region's leading health care professionals who strive to improve the everyday lives of their patients and colleagues. The award is based on the individual's invaluable contributions and personal leadership characteristics.
- **Miami University Scripps Gerontology Center W. Fred Cottrell Distinguished Alumni Award** – Ken Wilson, Council on Aging's Vice President of Program Operations, received the award for

outstanding leadership in the field of aging.

- **Leadership 500 Excellence Awards Program** – Council on Aging’s Team Educator Certification Program received third place honors in the Midsize Company Category out of 200 contestants as a best practice in human resources.

2013 Awards

- **OSAGE Best Practitioner of the Year Award** – Awarded to Council on Aging’s Business Intelligence Team for their leading-edge work in data analysis.
- **O4A Award** – Sharon Fusco, Vice President of Business Services, was honored by the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging (O4A) for her work leading the statewide initiative to develop pricing models.
- **Women Excel Award – Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber of Commerce** – Council on Aging’s Care Transitions Program was a runner up in the Best New Product of the Year category.

2011 Awards

- **Service Appreciation Award** – O4A honored three Council on Aging senior leaders for their statewide efforts and support of the association.

2010 Awards

- **Better Business Bureau Torch Award** – The prestigious Torch Award honors businesses and organizations that fully commit to ethical practices.